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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my dismay at what could possibly be the single biggest injustice in the history of the United States consumers. I react in this way partially because of the state of the US economy...although there are many reasons.

My foremost issue is that of the state of not-for-profit in this issue. As it stands, in such passages as Section III(J)(2) of the Proposed Final Judgement, not-for-profit organizations have no rights. This is an outrage! Would you allow your church to fall under such state that it has no right to be considered when, say, a large corporation decided it wanted to take over the land where the church stood? Imagine if your church had no say in the issue - it didn't even exist?

And that is basically where the not-for-profit organizations (such as the Apache group, the Sendmail group, etc) stand. The biggest 'competitors' to Microsoft have no rights.

As far as I remember that was a basic foundation of this country - and it is being stripped away because Microsoft has its finger so tightly wound around politics that most all are afraid to de-sanctify this juggernaut.

I ask that you rethink this and give the not-for-profit organization their rights. America is a competitive country and it simply isn't right to remove that competitive nature so one company can go on to destroy all the competition. In a dog-eat-dog world only the strongest survive but we all know we are talking dollars here - not strength - and with Microsoft basically owning the American dollar no one has a chance.

Thank you very much.

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